

Whitehall Park School

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Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great term we have had! There have been many successes to celebrate, and we hope you feel that we have shared them through our weekly newsletters. We are really looking forward to opening our doors and welcoming everyone in for Fantastic Fridays after the holiday, it was great to see so many people in school last week for Parents Evening and we have enjoyed being able to share time together in our assemblies and to have the feeling of being back to normal ...almost!

On Monday, we took part in an Idling event. Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in a workshop where they learnt what idling was and how it is bad for our health when cars park and leave their engines running. As part of the programme there was an Idling Action event where we engaged parents and drivers at the school gates at home time. It was a really great way for the students to cement what they learnt, and spread the anti-idling, air pollution messages to the parents who might be actively idling at the school gates. The children designed posters and some have been chosen to be made into a banner which will be displayed soon at our school gates.

On Tuesday, we took 6 Year 6 children to Wembley Stadium to watch the England vs Côte d'Ivoire football match. We all really enjoyed watching England playing in real life and winning 3-0!

On Wednesday, we took part in a chess tournament with 7 other schools from BPET. We took a team of 6 children: Freddie, Chloe, Mickey, Lucas, Gulliver and Joca. We were so proud of the children's chess skills, their focus and team spirit. There were medals for the top scorers and we won 3; Freddie won a bronze, Mickey won a Silver and Lucas, the top scorer with a gold medal. Congratulations!

A very big thank you to the parents of Year 5 Mint class who organised our Easter festivities today. We loved seeing everyone out in the sunshine despite the cold, enjoying hot cross buns and the chocolate fountain. Did you spot Coach Jack and Coach Ryan dressed up as giant chickens?!

Children return to school on Wednesday 20th April and this is a polite reminder to ensure all children are wearing our smart uniform. Please remember that PE kits must be brought into school and taken home at the end of the week. Thank you so much for your continued support.

We wish all our families a wonderful Easter Break, thank you so much for your continued support.

Best wishes

Ms Hatch, Mrs Coyle and Ms Seymour



Please do check out Twitter and Facebook page and follow us, as we are trying to share more of the learning that we want to celebrate with you all!

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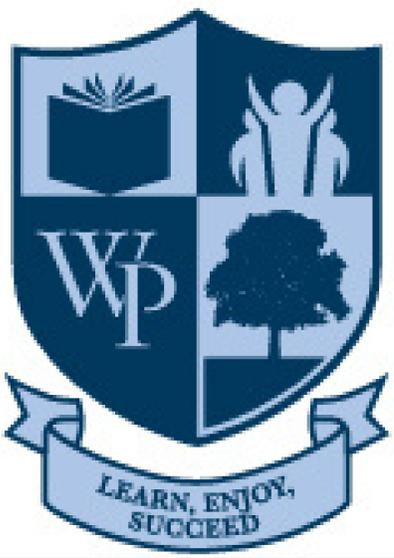
Back to School Reminders

- **Tuesday 19th April** - INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- **Wednesday 20th April** - First day back for Summer Term
- All children are expected to wear **full school uniform** including correct footwear. Please refer to the letter sent via email on 28/03/2022 with details and further reminders on correct uniform.
- **PE kits** must be brought in to school on Monday and left in school for the whole week. Children must NOT come to school in PE kits even if they have after school club. Children can change clothes in school.
- Please ensure you book your children's **school dinners** for the Summer Term on the Scopay app. There is an option to select if your child is having a packed lunch from home (H). Remember to inform the Office of any dietary changes.
- Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their names. If you are missing any items of uniform, please check the **lost property** box located near the Office.

COVID-19 Update

Parents are being advised to keep children who are unwell with a high temperature at home until they get better. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. This replaces the existing guidance which currently says that children should follow the same guidance as adults, which was to isolate for at least five days.

School pupils will only be advised to self-isolate for three days if they test positive for COVID-19.



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More News

Annual TfL Hands-up Travel to School Survey

Based on the data collected on Thursday we have more than beaten the 6% uplift of modal shift from the original survey of 2015/16 (this is the measure TfL STARS uses for awarding schools their levels) and as such are in a great position to maintain our GOLD Award after August 2022!

In 2015/16 the Active Travel % was 38%, Public Transport 14% and Car 48%. Today's data shows: 63% Active Travel, 13% Public Transport and just 24% Car!



EASTER PARADE



Beat the Streets

Islington is going to be transformed into a giant game and our school is invited to play!

Beat the Street is a free, fun, walking and cycling game which gets staff, pupils and their families out and about in the local area, having fun and keeping healthy. The Islington game runs from **23rd March to 4th May 2022**.

Beat the Street is designed to get children and communities moving by helping people to make small changes, such as walking or cycling to school every day, to improve health and help embed physical activity into everyday life. So far 1.5 million people and 4,000 schools have taken part in games across the UK and beyond. Evidence shows that the programme really helps adults and children become more active.

Every child has been given their Beat the Street maps and cards so they're ready to take part in the game!



EYFS

In EYFS, we have talked about similarities and differences between ourselves and others focusing on the celebration of Easter. We have discussed what Easter means to us and watched educational videos about how it is celebrated in UK and around the world.

We have then sequenced the Easter story to develop our fine motor skills as well as consolidating our understanding of the story. We have also painted bunnies and colour in some images related to Easter.

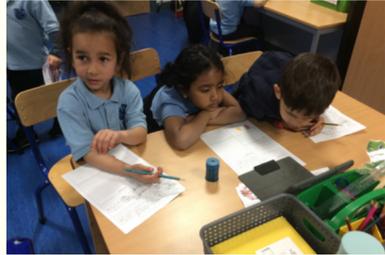
Last but not least, we have had fun time in our woodland when identifying the patterns in the environment and then created our very own pattern using natural resources as a creative response.



Year 1

In Geography we have been learning about famous landmarks around the UK. We worked in groups to match pictures of the landmarks to aerial photos.

This week in English we have been writing non-chronological reports about healthy eating. We have been learning how to research each food group on iPads and writing the information in our reports.



Year 2



This week in year 2 has been project week. We have been blown away with what the children created. From Minecraft villages, cooking shows and animal habitats. We have been blown away with the effort that all children have put in to making their projects.



We started our week by exploring the landmarks of St Lucia. We researched our landmarks and created fact files to share with the class. We then shared our facts in groups to help each other write a brochure about St Lucia.

In maths, we have been getting quicker at our column subtraction. We have been practicing lots of daily ten to help our mental maths and working in groups to solve problems.

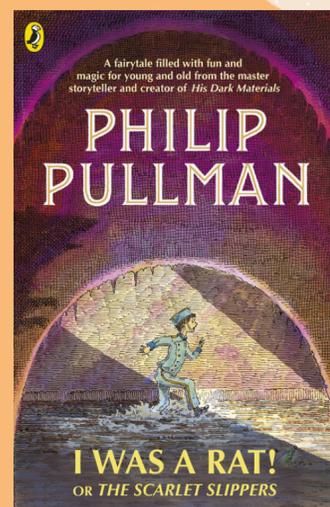


Year 3



During English this week, we have been exploring a character's thoughts and feelings through a variety of drama techniques. We used 'Role on the Wall', 'Conscience Alley' and 'Freeze Frames'.

Using these methods has really helped Year 3 develop their ideas. The children then used this to help write their Diary entries from the perspective of the main character of our wonderful class novel, 'Tom's Sausage Lion' by Michael Morpurgo.



Year 4

In Year 4, we continued our work on Monet by evaluating his style: painting 'en pleine air'.



In science, we carried on our work on sound by making flutes



Year 5 visited an Islamic place of worship on Monday. We had a tour of the mosque, learnt about the five pillars and religious items. We loved how beautiful the building was and the children were shocked to see how big it was! The one we visited held up to 3000 people.



Year 5



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Year 5 also took part in an air quality lesson and anti-idling workshop where we learnt all about what we can do to ensure our air is clean! The children then took part in the no idling banner challenge. The children created posters with anti-idling messages to persuade drivers to remember to switch off!

Year 6

This week in DT the children have prepared their mouth-watering Come Dine with Me recipes. The children made an assortment of cuisines ranging from Brazilian to Turkish to Indian. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and enjoyed savouring the fruits of their labour.



In English, the children have been studying the poem The Listeners by Walter de la Mare. Subsequently, they focussed their efforts on writing a narrative poem based on the animation of Alma. The children have produced some ambitious poem with a great range of vocabulary and figurative language.



In Maths this week, the children have been focusing on: calculating angles, calculating vertically opposite angles and angles in a triangle.

SATs
Please ensure your children complete the revision pack over term as this will aid them with their SATS preparation.



Class Attendance

Parsley	Reception	90.4%
Sage	Reception	88.4%
Jasmine	Year 1	95.0%
Lavender	Year 1	92.0%
Basil	Year 2	97.3%
Chive	Year 2	98.3%
Rosemary & Thyme	Year 3	89.4%
Clove	Year 4	91.3%
Myrtle	Year 4	86.5%
Chamomile	Year 5	86.0%
Mint	Year 5	89.2%
Cinnamon	Year 6	86.4%
Nutmeg	Year 6	90.4%

